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December 13, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN: SPE CHARLES JORDAN

Re: U.S. Appln. of **HINSHAW et al.**
Appln. No.: 09/025,345
Title: METAL COMPLEXES FOR USE AS GAS GENERANTS
Filed: February 18, 1998
Group Art Unit: 3641
Examiner: E. Miller
Our Ref.: KHC/8496/24419

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We enclose a copy of our Amendment of December 12, 2000 and respectfully request your review of the remarks therein at pages 2 and 3. You will appreciate that in our view the elected claims have not been examined on the merits and that the Examiner assigned to review the application has as yet not undertaken to examine all the claims reading on the elected invention.

We therefore ask your intervention so that finality of the Office Action is rescinded and that the Examiner is directed to review and examine in good faith all claims that read on the elected inventions. We do not believe that it is necessary to petition the Patent Office to ensure that an Examiner follows PTO rules, the statute and the MPEP. However, if a petition is deemed necessary to carry this out, then please deem this letter and the attachments as such a petition whereby the petition fee may be charged to our Deposit Account 03-3975.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 117 as follows:

Claim 1, line 7, change "from a" to --from said--.

117. (Amended) A solid gas generating composition [according to claim 85,]
formulated for generating gas suitable for use in deploying an air bag or balloon from
supplemental restraint system, said solid gas generating composition comprising:
a complex of a metal cation and a neutral ligand containing hydrogen and nitrogen,
such that when the complex combusts, a mixture of gases suitable for use in deploying said
air bag or said balloon from said supplemental restraint system is produced; and
sufficient oxidizing anion to balance to charge of the metal cation;